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INTERESTED AGENCIES HAVE REVIEWED NEA WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR 1977. FOLLOWING COMMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN COURSE OF DEBATE AS APPROPRIATE.

17.3: WE BELIEVE WORDS "... AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS" BELONG AFTER SENTENCE ENDING WITH "... INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES". NEA AS A PLAYER IN WIDER PROCESS NEEDS RECOGNITION.

17.6: "... AND OECD BODIES SHOULD QUALIFY "... INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS." THE IMPORTANCE OF TWO WAY CO-OPERATION IN NEA SHOULD BE STRESSED.

17.12: WE STRONGLY OF OPINION TASKS DESCRIBED IN THIS
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SECTION SHOULD BE PROPERLY EXPANDED TO INCLUDE ALL SOURCES

OF POSSIBLE RADIATION EXPOSURE, NOT JUST SMOKE AND FIRE DETECTORS AND BUILDING MATERIALS. FOSSIL FUEL COMBUSTION PRODUCTS AND MILL TAILINGS ARE EXAMPLES OF ADDITIONAL ISSUES TO BE INCLUDED.

17.20: MISSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT SETTING UP OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ON SAFETY R&D WOULD BE DUPLICATIVE OF ON-GOING WORK IN IEA. WE CANNOT SUPPORT ITS ESTABLISHMENT.

17.13: RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT -- WE SHOULD NOTE THAT CLAIM MADE IN THIS PARAGRAPH THAT "THE NEA PROGRAMME IN THIS FIELD NOW COVERS VIRTUALLY EVERY ASPECT OF CURRENT INTEREST" IS FACTUALLY INCORRECT. MISSION SHOULD TAKE POSITION THAT ACTIVITIES OF NEA RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OVER PAST YEAR HAVE SERVED TO INCREASE THE NEA'S LEVELS OF INVOLVEMENT IN THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT AREA: HOWEVER, IN KEEPING WITH US INITIATIVES IN IEA AND OTHER FORA, WE FEEL THAT GREATER R&D COOPERATION TO BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE. WE ARE CURRENTLY EXAMINING WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER COUNTRIES POSSIBLE FURTHER EXPANSION OF COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES AND EXPECT TO CALL ON NEA TO TAKE AN APPROPRIATE ROLE IN THIS EFFORT.

17.23: MISSION SHOULD STRESS US POSITION THAT COOPERATIVE ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS ARE PROPERLY CONCERN OF INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY. 17.23(C) AND 17.23(D) SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE LIMITED TO PROBLEMS OF PROTECTION FROM NATURAL OR INADVERTENT IMPACTS.

17.27 - 17.28: WHILE WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE INSTITUTION OF A PILOT PROGRAM OF A SYSTEM OF INFORMATION NOTES TO NATIONAL OFFICIALS, WE DO NOT WISH TO SEE THIS SYSTEM INSTITUTIONALIZED OR EXPANDED BEFORE IT HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY EVALUATED BY US AND OTHER MEMBER NATIONS.

17.29: MISSION SHOULD RESERVE US POSITION ON SUPPORT OF PUBLICATION OF A REPORT ON THE SAFETY AND REGULATORY ASPECTS OF THE PRODUCTION, STORAGE, RECYCLING AND FUTURE USE OF PLUTONIUM AND OTHER TRANS-URANIUM ELEMENTS. WE WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH THE SECRETARIAT ON NATURE OF THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORT BEFORE MAKING ANY COMMITMENT.

17.36: OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT NEA GROUP OF EXPERTS ON URANIUM EXPLORATION R&D HAS AS ITS PRIMARY TASK IDENTIFICATION OF PROMISING AREAS OF COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH, NOT

THE MANAGEMENT OF RESEARCH ITSELF. THE IEA COMMITTEE ON ENERGY R&D IS AWAITING FINDING OF THIS GROUP AND HAS EX-

PRESSED HOPE THAT THESE WOULD BE RECEIVED IN LESS THAN A YEAR SO AS TO FACILITATE DETERMINATION OF POSSIBLE COLLABORATIVE R&D ACTIVITIES IN THIS AREA.

17.51: NUCLEAR SAFETY R&D SUBGROUP IS DUPLICATIVE AND UNNECESSARY; 12 HALF-DAYS ASSIGNED TO THIS SUBCOMMITTEE CAN BE REALLOCATED OR ELIMINATED.

17.67 - 17.85: MISSION MAY SUPPORT AGGREGATE LEVEL OF FUNDING AND STAFFING AS PROPOSED. KISSINGER

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